

The reply filed on 12/26/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant did not make an election in each category I and II. The restriction requirement identified in category I, seven (7) different embodiments (species) of clamping cylinders - applicant was supposed to elect one embodiment of clamping cylinder for prosecution on the merits. The restriction requirement further identified in category II, three (3) different embodiments (species) of built-in modules - applicant was supposed to elect one embodiment of built-in module for prosecution on the merits. To reiterate, applicant is required to make two elections, one election for each category I and II. Applicant must further state which claims read on the elected species in categories I and II. A WRITTEN response is required. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert C. Watson whose telephone number is 571 272-4498. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. , 5:30am - 4:00pm.

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